

24. REMARKS	
PART VII – DIRECT DEPOSIT INFORMATION	
All Federal payments made to a person who applied and became eligible for benefit payments after July 26, 1996, must be made by electronic funds transfer (EFT). This requirement cannot be waived by the VA unless you certify that you <u>do not</u> have an account with a financial institution or an authorized payment agent. VA payments to you will be made by EFT unless you certify that you <u>do not</u> have an account with a financial institution or an authorized payment agent. Please attach a voided personal check or deposit slip or provide all of the following information:	
25. ACCOUNT NUMBER - PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX AND PROVIDE THE ACCOUNT NUMBER, IF APPLICABLE	
<input type="checkbox"/> CHECKING <input type="checkbox"/> SAVINGS <input type="checkbox"/> I CERTIFY THAT I DO NOT HAVE AN ACCOUNT WITH A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION OR A CERTIFIED PAYMENT AGENT	
ACCOUNT NUMBER _____	
26. NAME OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTION	
27. ROUTING OR TRANSIT NUMBER	
CERTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION - I CERTIFY THAT the foregoing statements are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I CONSENT THAT any physician, surgeon, dentist, or hospital that has treated or examined me for any purpose, or that I have consulted professionally, may furnish to the DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS any information about myself, and I waive any privilege which renders such information confidential.	
28A. DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER (Including Area Code)	28B. EVENING TELEPHONE NUMBER (Including Area Code)
29. DATE SIGNED	30. SIGNATURE OF CLAIMANT
WITNESSES TO SIGNATURE OF CLAIMANT IF MADE BY "X" MARK	
NOTE: Signature made by mark must be witnessed by two persons to whom the person making the statement is personally known. The signatures and printed names and addresses of the witnesses must be shown.	
31A. SIGNATURE AND PRINTED NAME OF WITNESS	31B. ADDRESS OF WITNESS
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PENALTY - The law provides severe penalties which include fine or imprisonment, or both, for the willful submission of any statement or evidence of a material fact, knowing it to be false, or for the fraudulent acceptance of any payment to which you are not entitled.	